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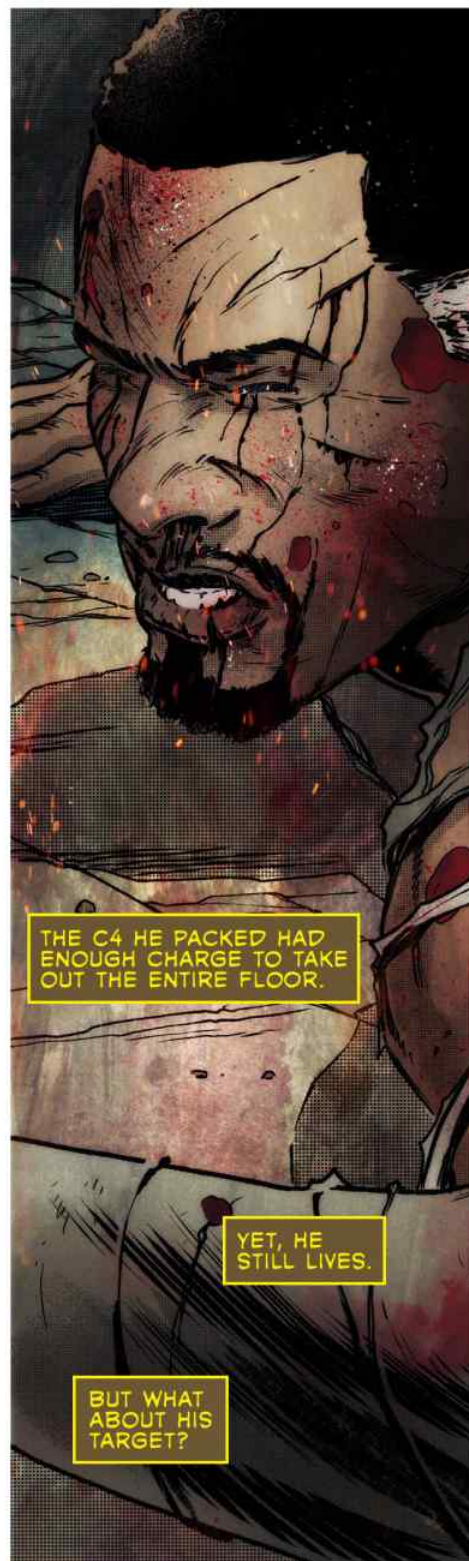
PREVIOUSLY IN KING SPAWN

Terry's attempt to destroy the GODTHRONE succeeds, but at what cost? SPAWN is still determined to teach the Court of Priests a lesson they will never forget.



HE SHOULD
BE DEAD.

TERRY HAD SEEN WHAT THE
HELLISH THRONE DID TO AL
AND HE KNEW THAT EVEN
IF IT KILLED HIM, HE HAD
TO TRY TO DESTROY IT.



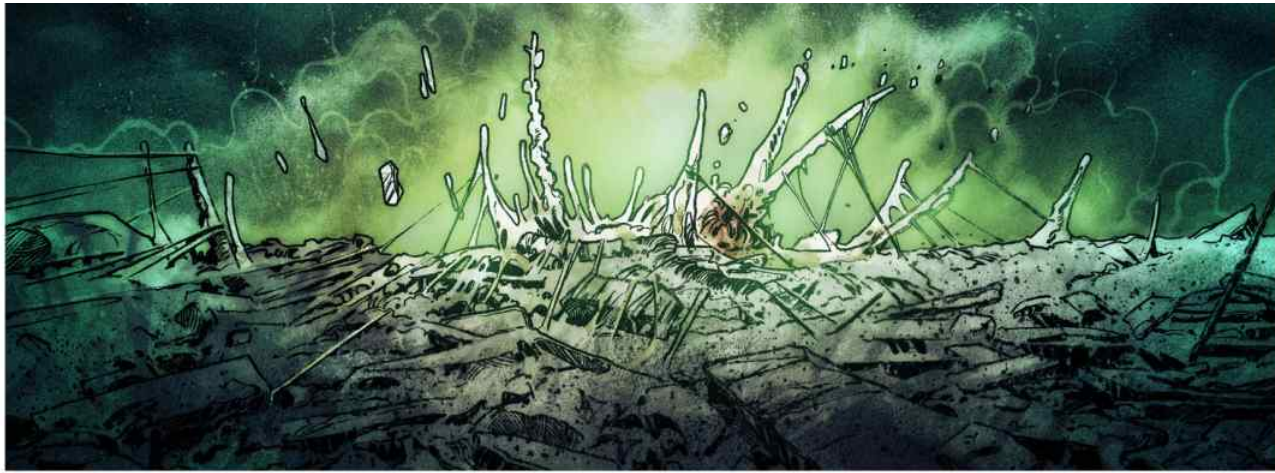
THE C4 HE PACKED HAD
ENOUGH CHARGE TO TAKE
OUT THE ENTIRE FLOOR.

YET, HE
STILL LIVES.

BUT WHAT
ABOUT HIS
TARGET?

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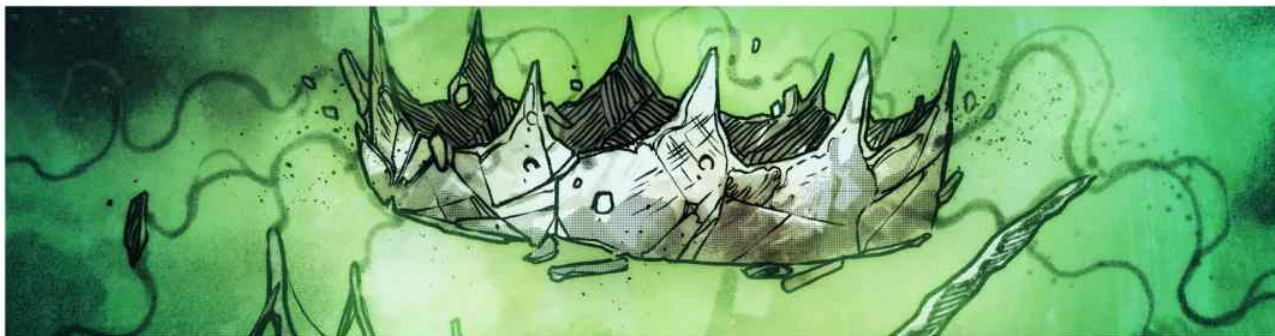
IT LIVES TOO! SEE, THIS
'GODTHRONE' IS A VESSEL
BUILT FROM THE BONES OF
SPAWN'S ENEMIES AND ITS
CORRUPTION SEEPS INTO
WHOEVER TAKES ITS MANTLE.



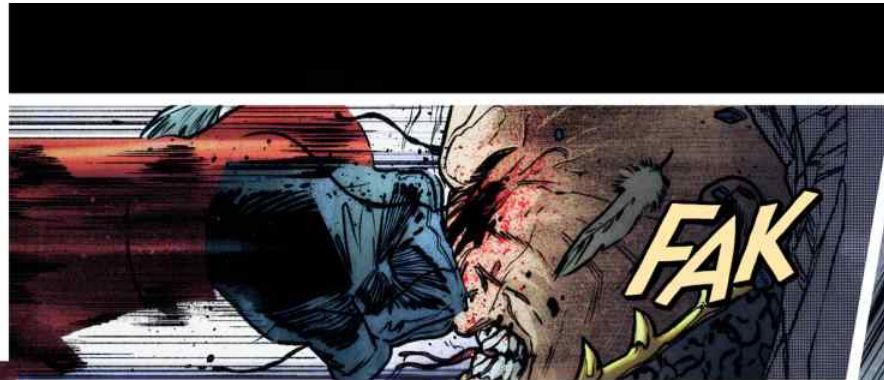
SCIENCE TELLS US YOU
CAN'T DESTROY ENERGY.
IT CAN ONLY CONVERT
INTO SOMETHING ELSE.



SO, DESPITE TERRY'S BEST
EFFORTS, THE ENERGY OF
ALL THOSE MONSTERS
SPAWN HAS SLAIN, LIVES ON.



WAITING



EVERYONE'S BEEN COMING FOR SPAWN - - FOR A VERY LONG TIME.



GET ON YOUR FEET AND FIGHT, DAMN YOU!

AZRAEL THOUGHT, SOMEHOW, HIS OUTCOME WOULD BE DIFFERENT.



MURDERED CHILDREN. A FREED KINCAID. JASON WYNN BROUGHT BACK TO HAUNT AL'S LIFE. ALONG WITH USING HIS DEAD WIFE TO TORTURE HIM.



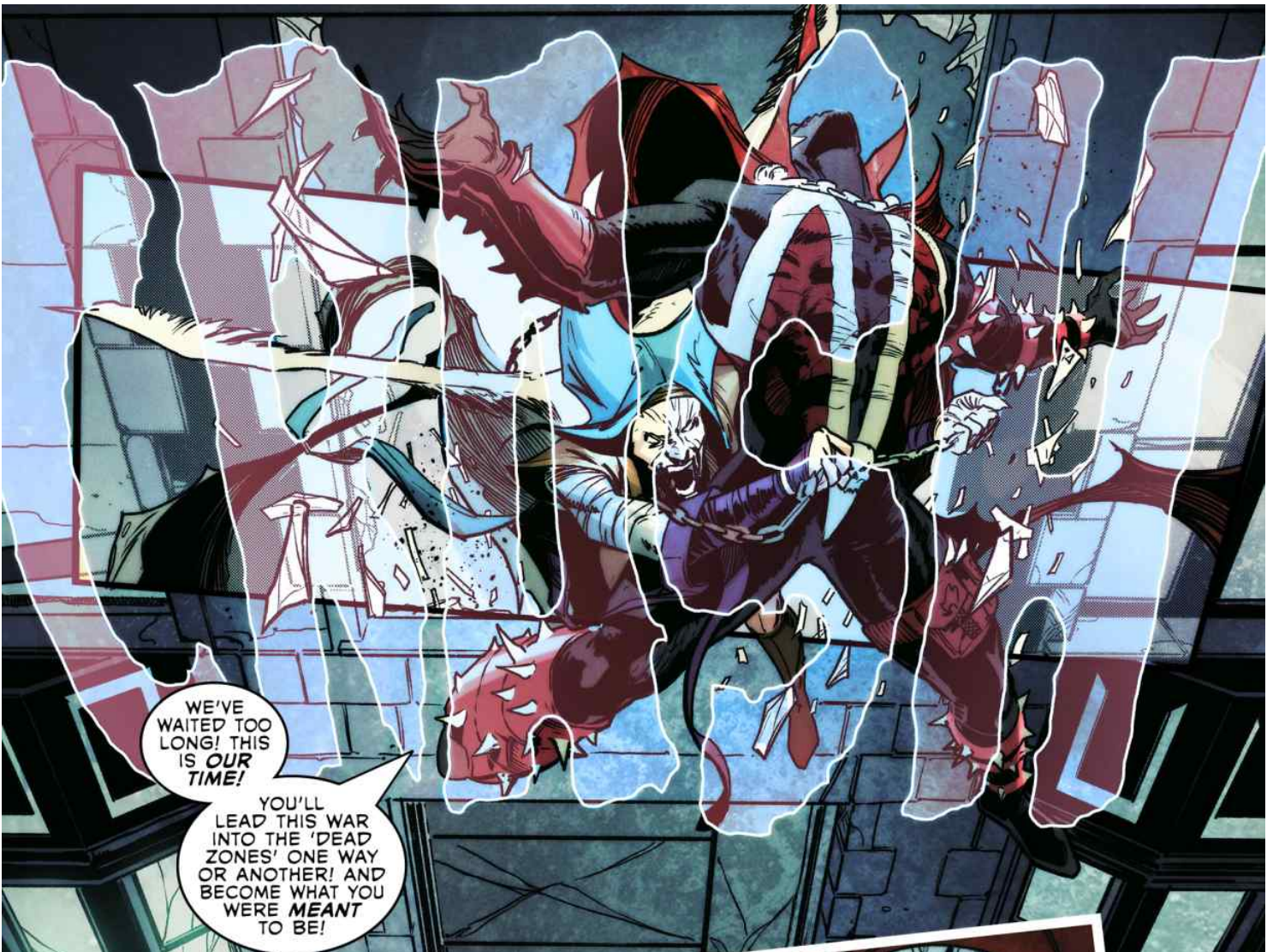
THAT COMBO IS WHAT'S FUELING SPAWN'S RAGE!

I'M GOING TO DESTROY YOUR THRONE.



'GODSEND' WON'T ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN.





WE'VE
WAITED TOO
LONG! THIS
IS **OUR**
TIME!

YOU'LL
LEAD THIS WAR
INTO THE 'DEAD
ZONES' ONE WAY
OR ANOTHER! AND
BECOME WHAT YOU
WERE **MEANT**
TO BE!



MEANT TO BE? HIS ENEMIES HAVE ALL
GONE INSANE SINCE HE LOCKED THE
"DEAD ZONES". NOT BEING ABLE TO
RETURN TO THEIR NATURAL HABITATS
IN HEAVEN OR HELL...



...HAS DRIVEN SO MANY
OF THEM TO ACTS OF
PURE **DESPERATION.**



DELUDING
THEMSELVES INTO
THINKING THEY
CAN CONTROL AL

RAGE FOR A LIFE STOLEN.
RAGE FOR THOSE WHO
BETRAYED HIM. RAGE FOR
UNEARTHLY BEASTS AND
THEIR COWARDICE FOR
PREYING ON THE INNOCENT.

KRSHH



TELL YOUR
GOD I'M COMING
FOR HIM!...
AND HIS DAMN
KINGDOM!

AS HE SAVAGELY
RIPS ONE OF THE
ANGEL'S WINGS
FROM ITS SPINE, HE
REMEMBERS HE'S
BATTLING MORE OF
THESE OUTCASTS.

ZAB IS NOW AT AZRAEL'S SIDE. ANOTHER RECRUIT WHO BELIEVES IN THEIR MADNESS!

"AND SPAWN SAT UPON A ONE-WINGED ANGEL. HIS CLOTHES DIPPED IN BLOOD, AND HIS NAME WAS THE WORD OF GOD. A NAME BY WHICH THE ARMIES OF HEAVEN WOULD FOLLOW HIM."

"FROM HIS MOUTH WOULD COME A SHARP SWORD WITH WHICH TO STRIKE DOWN THE NATIONS, AND RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON."

AZRAEL'S WORDS COME FROM THE **BOOK OF REVELATION**. A BASTARDIZATION OF THAT PASSAGE BUT AZRAEL STILL BELIEVES IN EVERY SYLLABLE HE SPEAKS. FOR THESE ARE THE **END TIMES** TO HIM.

FOR A WORLD ABOUT TO GO **EXTINCT**.







JUST
DO
IT!

SNAP



WITH HIS INJURY ZAB'S NOT
STRONG ENOUGH TO SEND
SPAWN TO A DEAD ZONE.
THE BEST HE CAN DO IS
OPEN A PORTAL ON EARTH.



!



ZAB! WHAT
IS THIS? YOUR
MAGIC'S DOING
NOTHING!

I'LL
HANDLE THIS
THEN!

THAK

THOOM



TELL ME.
WHY **WON'T** YOU SAVE YOUR WIFE?



HER BODY AWAITS YOU IN THE 'GREEN'.



BUT HER SOUL IS LOCKED BEHIND THE DEAD ZONES.



UNLOCK IT -- AND BRING YOUR LOVER **BACK** TO LIFE!

NO!

AL WANTS TO BELIEVE IT'S A **DAMN LIE!**



END HER
SUFFERING AND
THAT OF THIS
WORLD!



PROTECT
HER AND THE
INNOCENT HUMANS
YOU PROFESS TO
CARE SO MUCH
ABOUT.



THE BOOK
OF PSALMS ASKS
US TO MURDER OUR
ENEMY'S CHILDREN. IT'S
HOW ALL THIS **BEGINS!**
BUT DO YOU KNOW
HOW IT ENDS?



IT ENDS,
SIMMONS WITH
THE COMING OF
OUR KING.



HE'S TIRED OF
HEARING THAT
WORD: KING.



THEY DON'T WANT SOMEONE
TO LEAD THEM, THEY NEED
SOMEONE TO USE. SOME-
ONE TO MANIPULATE...



... UNTIL THEY CAN
STRIP THEIR LEADER
OF EVERY OUNCE OF
POWER HE HAS, SO
THEY CAN WIELD IT
FOR THEMSELVES.

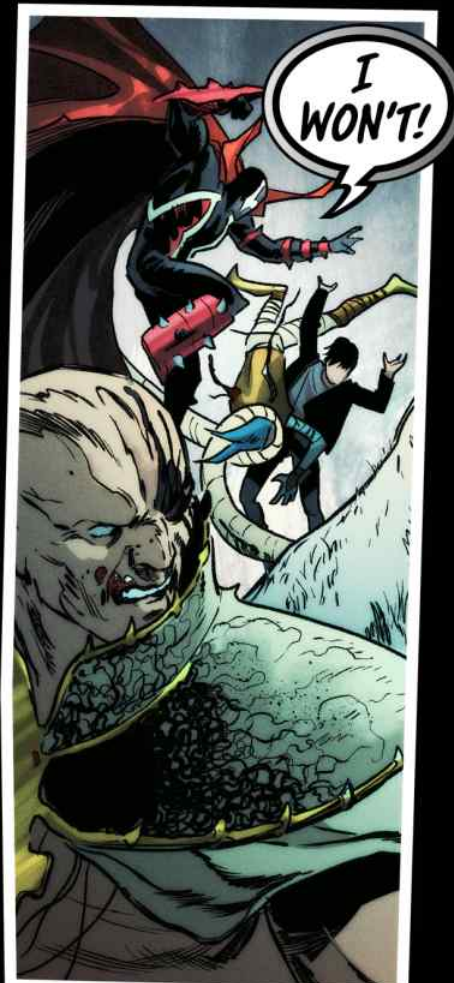
AND SPAWN UNDERSTANDS
THAT THE ONLY RESULT,
FROM THOSE INCAPABLE OF
HOLDING SUCH POWER, IS
COMPLETE DESTRUCTION.



THAK



A TOTAL
SCORCHED
EARTH FOR
EVERYTHING
THAT IS ALIVE.





FOR A BRIEF MOMENT, SPAWN LINKS HIS NECRO-POWER TO ZAB'S MAGIC, CREATING THE SLIGHTEST SLIVER THAT SUCKS AZRAEL THROUGH IT.



HE'S BEEN RETURNED HOME.
RETURNED TO THE SAME HEAVEN
THAT CAST HIM OUT TO BEGIN WITH.

AND HE'S KNOWN
TO ALL OF THEM AS
JUST ONE THING --

TRAITOR!

"CAN
HE
OUTCAST!"

TRAITOR!

TRAITOR!

HEAVEN IS NOT FORGIVENESS
AND LIGHT. IT IS SERVITUDE AND
SUBMISSION. AND AN ANGEL, WITH
ONE WING, WHO ABANDONS THEIR
FLOCK HAS BUT ONE NAME --

BLACK AZRAEL IS ITS
PRODIGAL SON. AND
UNLIKE THE STORIES IN
THE BIBLE, HIS FATHER
WILL NOT ACCEPT HIM
WITH OPEN ARMS.



BACK IN THE EXODUS
FOUNDATION BUILDING.
TERRY STARES, AT
WHAT HE BELIEVES IS
DAMNATION ITSELF.



I'VE SEEN
YOU IN MY
DREAMS.

YET, HE CAN'T
HELP BUT BE
DRAWN TO IT.



YOU'RE
WHAT'S
GOING TO
END US
ALL.



"... AND THE
CATASTROPHE THAT
GOES WITH IT."

BECAUSE IN HIS DREAMS
HE SAW NUMBERS THAT
COALESCE: 137 BECAME
11, AND THEN 11 BECAME 2.

AND WHEN HE SAW A VISION OF IT, IT
WAS THE MEANING OF THE NUMBER 2
THAT CHILLED HIS BLOOD. AL AND
HIS NEW BRIDE WANDA, HIS WIFE
REBORN IN A FRIGHTENING VISAGE.

THEY WERE THE RULERS! BUT
THEY WERE CRUEL. WILLING
TO KILL EVERYONE IF THEY
HAD TO, EVEN IF IT MEANT...

... KILLING WANDA'S
OWN CHILDREN; CYAN,
KATE. AND JAKE.







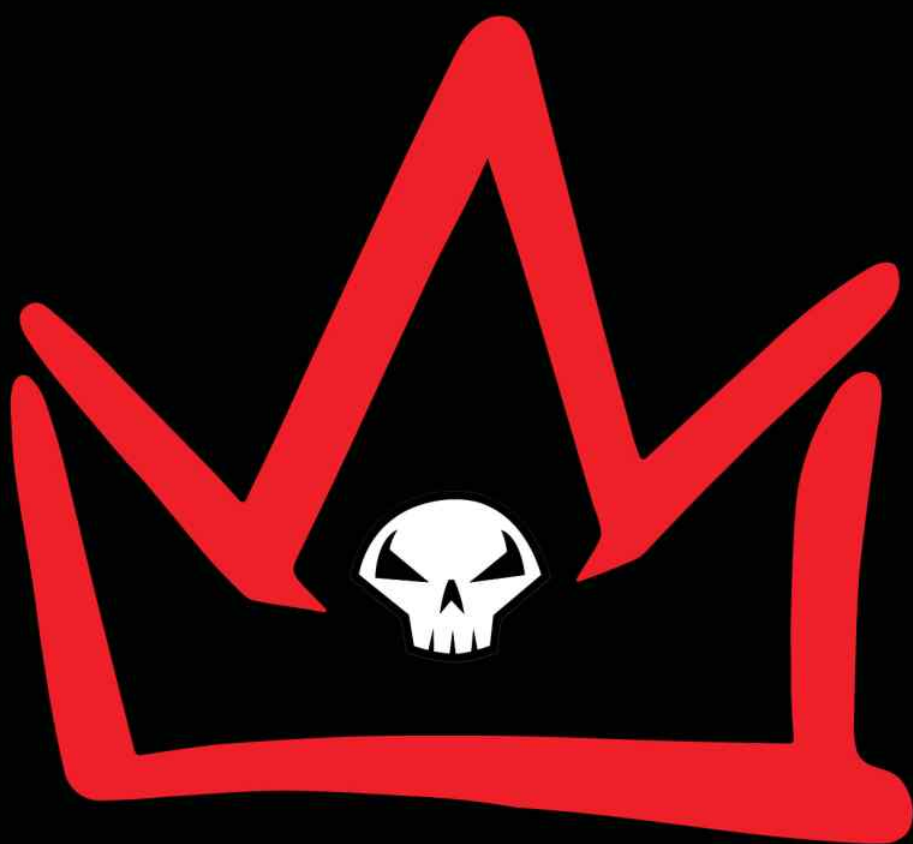
YOU'LL MEET
THE SAME FATE
IF YOU DON'T GIVE
ME THE DAMN
CROWN.

SIMMONS, THE MAN, KNOWS WHAT THE CROWN CAN DO, BECAUSE AS POWERFUL AS SPAWN IS, HE WASN'T LYING WHEN HE SPOKE TO TERRY FROM THE THRONE. WHEN HE SAID, YOU MAY HAVE TO STOP ME IF THIS ALL BECOMES TOO MUCH.

HE KNOWS HE CAN BRING HER BACK, AND AS MUCH AS HE TRIED TO DENY IT, AL HAS GIVEN IN TO THE THOUGHT OF BEING REUNITED WITH HER.

AND HE'LL LEAD
AN ARMY, WITHOUT
THEM KNOWING IT,
TO FIND HER.

**ALL HAIL
THE KING**



SPAWNING GROUND

PRESENTS:

MAILBAG



Now, I am a sucker for cool homage covers. I love them, and this might be one of the coolest ones I have seen lately! Dick Tracy/Dark Detective Spawn! A match made in Heaven... I mean HELL! [Art by @gibbertron2000 on Instagram]

-Thomas

Hello!

I am recently getting back into Spawn after picking up Spawn #300 a while back and recently just went and picked up all the issues in between 301 and 329! I also picked up all the King Spawn issues, scorched and gunslinger, which I have been picking up along the way in recent months. I'm reading King Spawn, and I love it.

I also just recently bought the trades Dark Horror, Enemy of the State, and Vengeance so I can know what happened leading up to 300 and have the full picture, but my question is, I really want to start reading Scorched. Do I need to read all of the prior material to know what's going on?

-ANDREW

Andrew, thanks for reaching out and reading SPAWN! Since you have Spawn: Vengeance, which includes issues 296 & 297, you are in a good place. Those two issues give a great overview of the story so far. If you have a basic understanding of the characters so far, you should be able to jump into Scorched pretty easily.

-Thomas

Hello Spawning Ground, I am loving what I am reading in the Spawn books and especially King Spawn. This past year has proven to be an "extraordinary spawnnaissance." Mr. Lewis has added immense gravitas to the mythos and Mr. Fernandez's artwork is atmospheric and inspiring. I do sincerely hope for a what if tale of Spawn upon his throne. A miniseries perhaps? Would Spawn make a better God? Please keep up the great work!

-JEFF

Jeff, I agree that Sean and Javi have brought something really special to the Spawn Universe. But why a "What If?" Maybe Spawn should just take the throne!

-Thomas



Do you have a question or comment about Spawn? If so, e-mail it to us at:

NEED MORE ~~SPAWN'S~~ ? UNIVERSE

DON'T MISS THESE TITLES:

SPAWN

**KING
SPAWN**

SCORCHED

GUNSLINGER
S P A W N



ONGOING NOW!

VELVET DEADLY CLASS ROYAL CITY
LAZARUS EAST OF WEST I KILL GIANTS
THE WALKING DEAD I HATE FAIRYLAND
KING CITY SEX CRIMINALS
KILL OR BE KILLED CURSE WORDS RATQUEENS
SOUTHERN BASTARDS SPAWN THE WICKED + THE DIVINE BLUE MONDAY
MONSTRESS CHEW KINGSMAN
NOWHERE MEN
HOWTOONS THEY'RE NOT LIKE US SUNSTONE SEVEN TO ETERNITY
DESCENDER PAPER GIRLS
OCTOPUS PIE WYTCHEs SHUTTER
TOKYO GHOST THE BLACK MONDAY MURDERS BITCH PLANET
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THE AUTUMNLANDS
CRIMINAL
PLUTONA LOW
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MAGE HINGES
BLACK SCIENCE
PRETTY DEADLY
THE FADE OUT

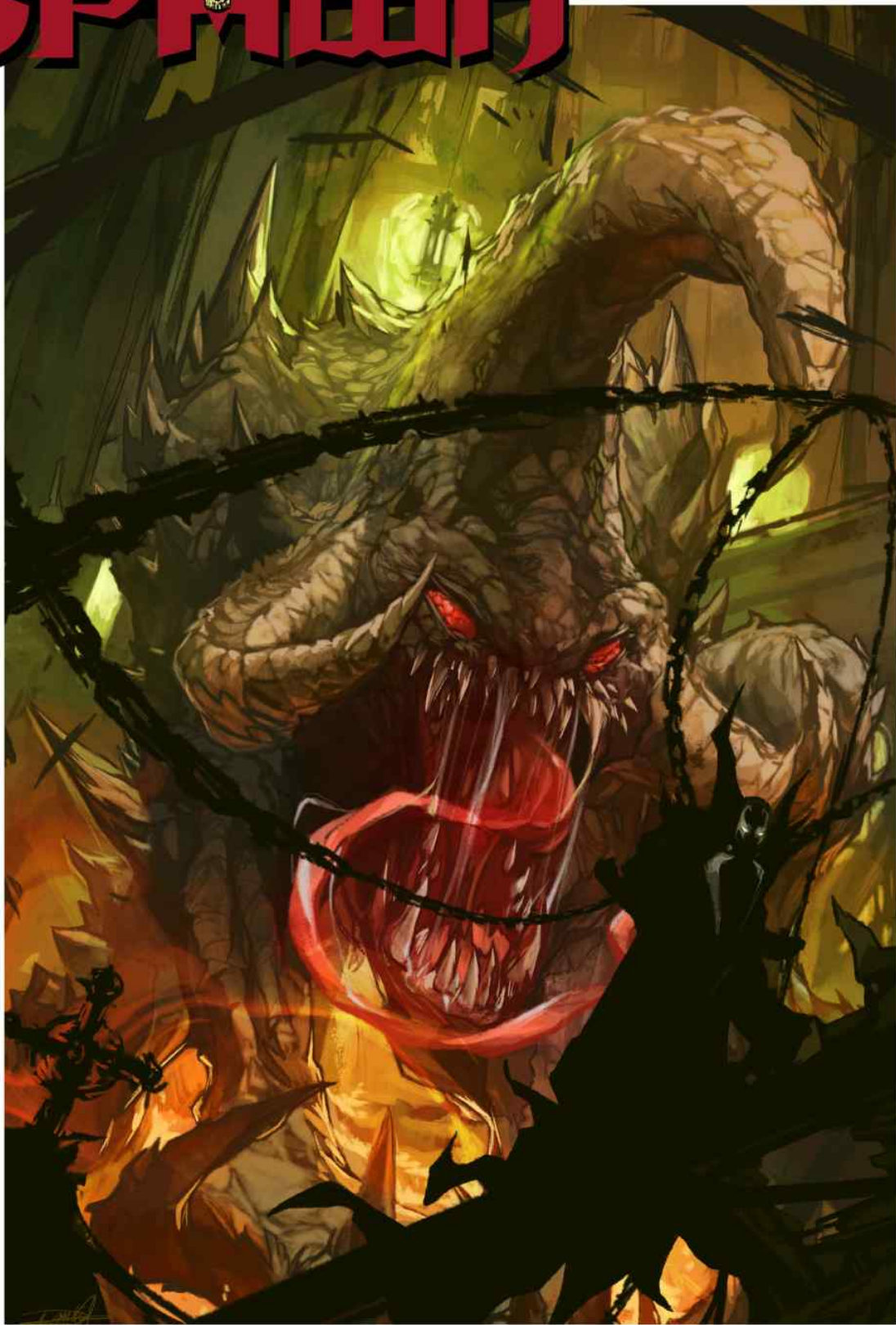
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